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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 77

Introduced by Assembly Member La Suer
(Principal coauthor: Senator Hollingsworth)
(Coauthor: Senator Morrow)

December 23, 2002

An act to amend Section 170048 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to airports.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 77, as amended, La Suer. San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

~~(1) Existing~~

Existing law provides that the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority has exclusive responsibility within its area of jurisdiction to study, plan, and implement any improvements, expansions, or enhancements at existing and future airports within its control.

~~This bill would require the authority to establish siting criteria that include the policies, standards, and criteria adopted by the Federal Aviation Administration for airport development and noise for international airports, prior to designating potential airport sites, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.~~

~~(2) The~~

~~This bill would require that prohibit the authority, in siting any international airport, not displace or interfere from displacing or interfering with any existing aerial fire fighting location.~~

~~(3) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.~~

~~Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes—no. State-mandated local program: yes—no.~~

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 170048 of the Public Utilities Code is
2 amended to read:

3 170048. (a) The authority shall have the exclusive
4 responsibility within its area of jurisdiction, to study, plan, and
5 implement any improvements, expansion, or enhancements at
6 existing or future airports within its control.

7 (b) Existing aerial fire fighting locations in the San Diego
8 Region shall not be displaced or interfered with in any way by the
9 siting of an international airport.

10 ~~(c) The authority shall establish siting criteria that include all~~
11 ~~of the policies, standards, and criteria adopted by the Federal~~
12 ~~Aviation Administration for airport development and noise for~~
13 ~~international airports pursuant to Chapter 471 (commencing with~~
14 ~~Section 47101) of Title 49 of the United States Code, prior to~~
15 ~~designating potential airport sites within its area of jurisdiction.~~

16 ~~(d)~~

17 (c) The authority may commission planning, engineering,
18 economic, and other studies to provide information to the board for
19 making decisions about the location, design, management, and
20 other features of future airports.

21 ~~(e)~~

22 (d) The San Diego Association of Governments, or its
23 successor, shall cooperate with the authority to include all airport
24 system plans and facilities selected by the authority in the regional
25 transportation plan consistent with state and federal law.



~~(f)~~

(e) (1) Not later than March 1, 2002, the San Diego Association of Governments and the port shall transfer and assign to the authority all contracts in force for studying possible sites for an airport, the economic viability and impact of an airport, the environmental consequences of an airport, public opinion or attitudes regarding an airport's location, and any other contracts related to the location and development of an airport in the County of San Diego.

(2) The contracts described in paragraph (1) shall include, but need not be limited to, the contracts associated with the Joint Aviation Advisory Committee.

(3) The transfer of contracts required under this subdivision shall include the contemporaneous transfer of revenue from state or federal grants, local funds, and other sources of revenue committed to funding the contracts until their completion. The authority shall accept all obligations, as well as all rights, included in the transferred contracts.

~~(g)~~

(f) The policy direction for the study described in subdivision (d) shall become the responsibility of the authority. The authority shall consider the concepts and ideas of the San Diego Association of Governments, the port, and other entities, both public and private.

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(g) The authority may continue the Joint Aviation Advisory Committee to assist in conducting the analyses for determining a site for a new airport.

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(h) The authority, the San Diego Association of Governments, local agencies, and the Department of Transportation shall cooperate to develop effective surface transportation access to new and existing airports.

~~(j)~~

(i) The authority shall adopt a comprehensive plan on the future development of San Diego's regional international airport. In developing its plan, the authority shall review all options of alternative sites, including, but not limited to, expansion of the existing airport site, use of current military installations that may become available for civilian or mix-use, and other development

1 options available to address future airport needs. The authority
2 shall submit the particular site recommendation in the form of a
3 local ballot proposition to the San Diego County Registrar of
4 Voters for placement on either the November 2, 2004, or the
5 November 7, 2006, countywide election ballot.

6 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
7 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
8 a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service
9 charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or
10 level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of
11 Section 17556 of the Government Code.

